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DECLARATION WAR NOT IMPROBABLE

Crisis is Reached in the Nicaraguan Situation--
Passports of Charge d'Affairs of Legation Returned by Knox.

President Zelaya is Scathingly Denounced by the Secretary of State, Who Brands the Nicaraguan President as a Tyrant, Whose Administration is a Blot Upon the Name of Good Government.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Secretary of State Knox to-day returned the passports of Felipe Rodriguez, charge d'affairs of the Nicaraguan legation, with a letter scathingly denouncing the Zelayan administration of Nicaragua. The letter is declared to represent the views of President Taft, and is as plain spoken as anything from the state department in many years.

The extraordinary feature about the letter is that it seems evidence of the intention of the United States to hold Zelaya personally responsible for the execution of the Americans, Cannon and Grace, and exhibits the unique situation of a government holding the chief executive of another practically as a common malefactor. Zelaya is branded as a violator of solemn international conventions, a disturber of the peace, and a tyrant, whose administration has been a blot upon the name of good government.

Knox virtually announces recognition of the Revolutionists and that there is evidently not a responsible government with which the United States can deal. He, therefore, announces all parties will be held accountable for their actions as affecting interests of Americans and the peace of Central America.

This brings the crisis as near to the status of war as could be without a declaration of war by both houses of Congress, which convenes Monday.

He further informs Rodriguez that while he has lost his diplomatic quality, he may serve still as the "unofficial" channel of communication with the faction he represents.

Wish of all Central American states, excepting Honduras, which is dominated by Zelaya. Mexico has shown sympathy with the United States in this matter.

It is expected that United States consular representatives in Nicaragua will be given their passports to-morrow. This is the usual procedure in case of such action between governments.

ZELAYA IS CONTEMPLATING RESIGNING THE PRESIDENCY

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Dispatches continue to be received at the state department stating that President Zelaya is contemplating resigning from the presidency of Nicaragua. The latest came from Bluefields and stated that Zelaya had announced that he would turn over the presidency to Irias, his present minister-general. Whether this is Zelaya's real intention, or whether it is a ploy for time, is not known here.

FRANCE TAKES OFFICIAL ACTION REGARDING CITIZENS

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Paris, Dec. 1.—The officials cabled today to the French consuls in Nicaragua instructing them to publish information regarding the published reports that citizens of France had been ill-treated in Nicaragua. Upon the nature of the replies will depend the subsequent action of this government.

GOVERNMENT CLAIMS A VICTORY IN BATTLE AT RAMA

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 1.—Although admitting many losses, the Nicaraguan government claims to have won a victory over the Revolutionists near Rama Monday. The battle lasted several hours and many on both sides were killed and wounded. The report that Zelaya has made overtures to the Insurgents regarding their retirement is announced false.

STEAMER ARRIVES WITH ARMS FOR REVOLUTIONISTS

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Bluefields, N. Dec. 1.—The Norwegian steamer Stavengren has arrived here from New York with arms and ammunition for the Insurgents. The latter have been handicapped up to this time by a lack of ammunition, but it is now announced at the insurgent camp that the plan of action will be changed, General Estrada immediately assuming the aggressive.

General Charramino has arrived here and reports of the situation at Greytown is under. Troops of President Zelaya are making no effort to evacuate the city or so far as can be learned, making any preparation for the announced march upon Bluefields. The Insurgents here claim to be confident of ultimate success. They state that recruits are arriving from many sources and daily strengthening Estrada's cause.

The impression is general that the situation now existing will soon end despite President Zelaya's claims to the contrary. It is reported that the Nicaraguan president has less than 5,000 troops at all points with which to attack the Insurgents and regain the eastern coast, which has been lost to him. Many prominent liberals who are fugitives from Managua are joining the forces of General Chamorro. Reinforcements have been sent to General Matuty, who received a decisive victory over the government troops near Rama on Monday. He announces that he expects another engagement today. Matuty is a Peruvian and relieved General Porras Diaz at the head of the Insurgent forces. Diaz is incapacitated by illness.

The Norwegian steamer Stavengren, which is mentioned in the Bluefields dispatch as arriving there with arms and ammunition for the Nicaraguan Insurgents, sailed from New York on November 17 for Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE HAS SERIOUS EFFECT IN THE NORTHWEST

OFFICERS OF ST. PAUL MINE ARE CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY

By Associated Press.
Cherry, Ill., Dec. 1.—Officers of the St. Paul mine today were charged with the responsibility for at least half the lives lost in the disaster. In the testimony heard by the coroner one of the survivors declared the men in the second vein worked more than half an hour after the discovery of the fire without being warned of the danger.

Terminals Are Blocked and Thousands Are Out of Employment.

FLOUR MILLS CLOSE AT MINNEAPOLIS, AND MANY SMALL TOWNS IN THE IRON RANGE COUNTRY ARE THREATENED WITH FAMINE UNLESS FOODSTUFFS CAN BE MOVED—THOUSANDS WILL BE LET OUT ON DOCKS AT DULUTH AND SUPERIOR AND IF STRIKE CONTINUES GREAT SMELTERS OF MONTANA WILL BE CLOSED.

RESCUED FROM LONDON MINE

EIGHT MINERS WHO WERE ENTOMBED BY CAVE-IN AND FIRE IN DUCKTOWN ARE BROUGHT TO SURFACE.

By Associated Press.
Ducktown, Tenn., Dec. 1.—The eight men who were imprisoned in the London mine of the Tennessee Copper company on Monday afternoon, as the result of a shaft house fire, were brought to the surface this morning at 3 o'clock. They are now at their respective homes and none is physically disabled as a result of the trying experience in the bowels of the earth. The men are: George Moss, David McCoy, Charles McClendon, John Smiley, Harvey Tilley, John McMahon, Henry Thompson, Luther Thompson. All the men were unmarried except McCoy, Smiley and Henry Thompson. Mine rescue expert A. C. Ramsay, who arrived from Knoxville yesterday, at once organized a rescue party of four men and instructed them in the use of the new helmets.

By Associated Press.
St. Paul, Dec. 1.—Every line of industry in all parts of the Northwest dependent in the movement of supplies is seriously affected by the strike of the railroad switchmen. It is estimated 12,000 men tonight are idle on account of the strike. Thousands are freight haulers and teamsters, idle on account of the freight blockade in the terminal towns, while a continuance of the strike for several days will throw thousands of others out of work. The railroad yards are filled with stalled freight trains and the attempts to move a few cars are making no impression.

The railroad managers committee announced tonight they are bringing to St. Paul new switchmen to take the place of the strikers. Some of the larger commission houses today, unable to move anything, reduced their force and will make further reductions if the strike continues.

FLOUR MILLS CLOSE, AND 3,500 MORE ARE IDLE
Minneapolis, Dec. 1.—The flour mills closed tonight, throwing 3,500 out of employment.

In the iron range country the small towns face a famine unless the trains of foodstuffs can be moved. The mines are affected by the stopping of freight trains.

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LITTLE TOT'S HEAD IS CRUSHED UNDER WHEELS OF A WAGON

Bravery of Young Woman Saves Life of Her Aged Uncle

By Associated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 1.—The bravery of Miss Mattie Ferguson, a white woman, probably saved the life of William Parker, her aged uncle, when the two were attacked by a negro desperado near here last night. Parker was badly beaten about the head during the encounter, receiving injuries which may prove fatal. Ben Meriweather, believed to have been the assailant, was arrested a short time afterwards by County Officer Oliver, after a desperate struggle.

According to Miss Ferguson, she and Parker were returning to their home in the country when the negro, whom they had allowed to ride on the back of their buggy, seized the horse's bridle and demanded Parker's money. In the melee which followed the buggy was overturned and both occupants thrown to the ground. Unable to rise, Parker was struck several times with a club by the negro. Seizing a heavy buggy whip, Miss Ferguson rushed several well-directed blows at the assailant's head, and he was put to rout, escaping to a nearby wood.

Fourteen-Month-Old Josephine Vescosco Meets a Horrible Death.

WAGON TURNED TO AVOID HURTING ONE SISTER AND RAN OVER YOUNG GIRL, CAUSING FATAL INJURIES—CHILD DIED LAST EVENING—THE CORONER WILL PROBE CASE AT LENGTH.

Within a few feet of her home, and while an elderly sister looked on, little Josephine Vescosco, but 14 months of age, was fatally hurt. The little one was evidently confused and tried to get with her little sister, on the other side of the road. While trying to pass in front of a wagon driven by a negro named S. Antonio, the front wheel struck and knocked the child down. Then the merciless rim passed over the child's head. This was Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock the child passed away. And the happy household of a well-known hard-working Italian was plunged into grief.

Josephine lived with her parents at 701 South Baylen street. Her father's name is Matteo Vescosco. The latter has a small store in front of his little home on the wharf, and when he left his youngest girl a moment to go into the rear of his home, little Josephine, in charge of an older sister, was playing with onions and potatoes on the floor of the store. Tiring of this, and following the older sister to the street, the little innocent

TODDLED TO HER DEATH.

This was directly in front of her home. The wagon which caused the child's injuries was driven by a negro named S. Antonio. He was made a defendant yesterday morning in the city court on the charge of fast and dangerous driving. The evidence adduced showed that Antonio was not to blame in the matter, the recorder adjudged, and he was discharged. When it became apparent late yesterday that the injuries would likely prove fatal, the city physician so notified Chief Sanders, who at once appeared up Antonio and placed him in the city jail to await the outcome of the coroner's jury investigation. Antonio has the utmost regret for the deed, which, as the father of the child stated yesterday, was clearly a very regrettable accident. Antonio said that he was hauling about half a cord of oak wood and that one horse pulled his team. When opposite the home of the child, he said, he noticed two little girls in the street. One little girl, and the larger one, the driver said, ran close up to the wagon and appeared greatly confused. Antonio said, and was supported in such statement, that

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GEORGIA MEN BURN A NEGRO

JOHN HARVARD, A PREACHER, SHOT A WHITE MAN, IS CAPTURED, BOUND TO A STAKE AND THE TORCH APPLIED.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Cochran, Ga., Dec. 1.—John Harvard, a negro preacher, who shot and fatally wounded W. B. Booth, a white man, here today, was burned at the stake by a mob tonight.

Booth was in an automobile near here this afternoon and frightened the mules driven by the negro. Harvard became enraged, and suddenly shot Booth. Booth returned the fire, wounding the negro. Citizens surrounded the negro in a barn near the scene of the shooting, overpowered him, bound him with chains to a stake and applied the torch. He admitted the shooting.

FLAG THAT FLIES AS CONGRESS OPENS; SOME NOTABLES SOON TO BE ON SCENE



they intend to make their force felt against the privileged combinations.

The postal savings bank, the enlargement of the government's powers of inquiry into corporations, the Panama canal, conservation of national resources, deep waterways, freight rates and a strengthening of the anti-trust laws are measures any one of which may make legislative history. Limitation of the powers of the speaker of the house of representatives will occupy that branch of congress in an early struggle, and an investigation of the sugar scandal is not at all unlikely. Already the capital is active, and many of the leaders are on the ground ready for the fray.

WILL BE SLOW IN THE CHANGES

MEYER PLAN FOR NAVY REORGANIZATION BECOMES EFFECTIVE, BUT IT WILL BE SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE THEY ARE IN OPERATION.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Although the Meyer plan for the reorganization of the navy became effective today, when the new navy regulations went into operation, many of the changes will not be made for several weeks. Transition from the old order to the new will be gradual. As the old bureaucracy gives way to the new system in which the line officer is to be so prominent, some further changes may be found necessary in order to harmonize affairs.

A long list of appointments and promotions will follow.

INQUIRY COMPLETED.

Brownsville, Tex., Dec. 1.—The military court inquiry, which completed the investigation of the raid here by negro soldiers yesterday, left for Washington today, where they will resume the sittings.

Big Sums Are Offered For the Johnson-Jeffries Fight

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, Dec. 1.—Bids for the championship fight between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson were opened this afternoon in Hoboken, N. J., and because of the numerous and large offers made for the fight, it was decided to postpone the selection of the battleground for a period of 24 hours. The bids were opened in the presence of Jack Johnson and his manager, George Little; Sam Berger, representing James J. Jeffries, who was absent; Thomas J. McCarry, of Los Angeles; Edward Graney, of San Francisco; John J. Glavin, of San Francisco; E.

M. Rickard, of Nevada, and many well known New York sporting men.

Graney, representing the Tuxedo Athletic club, of San Francisco, made a bid involving three different propositions. In his first proposition Graney offered 80 per cent of the gross receipts with a guarantee of \$75,000, the management to have sole ownership of the picture privileges; the second was 80 per cent of the gross receipts, with a \$70,000 guarantee and an offer of \$20,000 for one-third of the picture proceeds, and the third was 90 per cent of the gross receipts with no guarantee.

Girl's Body Found in Bath Tub, Mystery Surrounds Death

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, Dec. 1.—Mystery surrounding the death of Mrs. O. N. Sneed, a young Brooklyn woman, whose body was found in a bath tub in a vacant house in East Orange, N. J., yesterday, was still unraveled today, though the police have taken into custody the victim's aged aunt, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, pending an investigation, the aunt's statements having been regarded as contradictory.

Clues led detectives to Flatbush, Brooklyn, early today and what they found caused them to attempt the establishment of a connection between the death of Mrs. Sneed in East Orange and happenings in a so-called "house of mystery" in the Brooklyn suburbs where Mrs. Wardlaw and Mrs. Sneed lived until recently.

Further probing into the strange occurrence disclosed that Mrs. Sneed had a life insurance policy of \$20,000 and that she had come to Brooklyn from Flatbush. Search of the "house of mystery" in Brooklyn by the detectives today led to the discovery of blood spots in various rooms of the house.